

REMARKS

The claims in the application are 1-16, 18-21 and Claims 22-28 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The present amendment is being made in accordance with a telephone interview between Examiner Jamie Louise McGowan and Supervisory Primary Examiner Thomas B. Will of the Patent and Trademark Office, and the undersigned attorney on Wednesday, May 14, 2008. The courtesy extended by both Examiners in discussing the above-identified application is greatly appreciated.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended and dependent claims 22-27 introduced as presented for discussion at the telephone interview, and with the clarifications agreed to during the telephone interview. More specifically, minor clarifications of reference numerals and antecedent basis have been made as agreed to the very last paragraph of independent Claim 1, while Claim 28 directed to linear, translational action of inserting means 25 upon toggle joint 22, has also been added (reference is being made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application). It is respectfully submitted the amendment to independent Claim 1 and Claims 22-28 added herein all find clear unequivocal support throughout the present application and drawings.

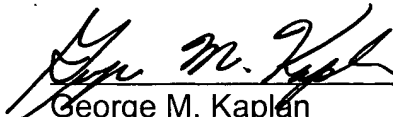
All Claims 1-16 and 18-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 5,950,735 to Godbersen in view of newly-cited U.S.

Pat. No. 3,672,521 to Bauer et al in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. In this regard, Claim 1 has been amended to recite inserting means 25 are positioned between wedge element 20 and resilient means 24. This particular feature is not shown by either Godbersen or Bauer et al, or any other art of record.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment, accompanying remarks and telephone interview, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any further questions. The fee for the additional claims introduced herein is enclosed.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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